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[¶](#)1. (SBU) Kristjan Guy Burgess, Political Advisor to the Minister at the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs, confirmed to Post that the Government of Iceland has changed its mind and now intends to seek a high-level bilateral meeting with the United States on the margins of the UN General Assembly. Burgess said that the Icelandic Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ossur Skarphedinsson, would like to meet with the Secretary to discuss the potential for U.S.-Icelandic cooperation on energy issues, defense matters and Arctic policy. The Government of Iceland believes that opportunities exist for long-term collaboration with the United States in these three areas.

Skarphedinsson's travel plans are not yet firm; however, he will probably depart New York shortly after he addresses the General Assembly on September 26.

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